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SC DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# SC Soil Classifiers Registration Program

## Letter From the Editor Sherri F. Moorer, Editor

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Welcome back for the second issue of the SC Soil Classifiers Registration Program newsletter ! Our first issue received an overwhelmingly positive response, and I'm glad it was a helpful resource to people interested in Soil Classifying in South Carolina. I hope this issue will be as informative. This issue has information on license renewals and reciprocity registration, which is an issue the SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council had been working on for some time now. I'm glad to report that progress has been made in this area, and it has become easier for people from out of state to become registered. We are certainly grateful to the members of the SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council for their hard work on this issue, and are glad to see it has paid off! Please see page 2 for additional details on becoming licensed and page 3 for a list of the Soil Classifiers Advisory Council members.

I would also like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work in this field. Your dedication not only protects the citizens of SC, but the natural resources of our state as well. Thanks so much for all you do. I wish you all a safe and happy Holiday Season and look forward to working with you in the new year.

Have a wonderful Fall and Winter!



*Year End Reflections*

### 2007 License Renewals

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It's time to renew your license to practice soil classifying in SC! 2007 renewal fees are due in our office by February 28, 2007. Any renewals received after the February 28th deadline are subject to a \$10.00 late penalty fee.

Renewals must be paid by check or money order, and submitted to our office with the renewal form. Please be sure to complete this form with accurate information, as it is used to update your information in our license database and on the on-line roster. These forms will be mailed from our office on December 15, 2006, or you can download it from our website at:

<http://www.dnr.state.sc.us/land/pdfs/SoilRenewal.pdf>

If you do not receive a renewal form by January 3, 2007, please contact our office and I will be glad to mail, E-mail, or FAX the form to you.

Renewal cards will be mailed to registrants that have renewed their license on March 1, 2007.

As always, if you have any questions about your license or renewals, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (803) 734-9131 or by E-mail at [MoorerS@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:MoorerS@dnr.sc.gov).

## Registration of Out-of-State Candidates

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Are you a Soil Classifier or Soil Scientist that is actively registered in another state? If so, it just got easier to get licensed as a SC Professional Soil Classifier. A recent law review determined that our board is allowed to waive the examination requirement for individuals that have completed a registration examination for soil classifying in another state and hold current licensure in a state whose examination and registration requirements are substantially equivalent or more stringent than our own. This is good news for people that would like to expand their practice into our state.



If you are currently licensed in another state and would like to apply for a license to practice Soil Classifying in SC, please contact me by telephone at (803) 734-9131 or by E-mail at [MoorerS@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:MoorerS@dnr.sc.gov), and I'll be glad to send you an application packet (our applications are not available to download from our website at this time). You will need to provide college transcripts, five professional references, a brief description of pertinent soil courses, and copies of your passing examination scores and license from any states you are registered in. *Getting registered from out of state just got easier!*

## Title and Practice Act

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The SC Code of Laws for Soil Classifiers is a Title and Practice Act. This means that all individuals who use the term "Soil Classifier," advertise or collect fees for Soil Classifying services must hold a valid South Carolina Soil Classifiers License. Federal, state and local government agencies are exempt from this requirement.

If you witness any violations of this law, please contact the SC Soil Classifiers Registration Program. You will need to provide a written complaint and a copy of all materials in question. All information will be kept confidential.

## Office Closing Dates

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Please note that our office will be closed in observance of the following State Holidays:

- Friday, November 10, 2006 for Veteran's Day.
- Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, 2006 for Thanksgiving Day.
- Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26, 2006 for Christmas Day.
- Monday, January 1, 2007 for New Years Day.
- Monday, January 15, 2007 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Monday, February 19, 2007 for President's Day.
- Thursday, May 10, 2007 for Confederate Memorial Day.
- Monday, May 28, 2007 for Memorial Day.



Heading out for the holidays.



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Our office is located in Columbia, SC and is open Monday—Friday, 8:00 A.M.—4:30 P.M. You can contact us at the telephone number, FAX number, and E-mail address located in the sidebar.

If you have any information you would like included in the Spring/Summer 2007 Newsletter, please contact Sherri Moorers with your information.

**We're on the web at**

[http://www.dnr.state.sc.us/land/  
SoilRegis/SoilLicense.html](http://www.dnr.state.sc.us/land/SoilRegis/SoilLicense.html)

## SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council

We would like to extend our gratitude to the members of the SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council for their hard work and continued dedication to the profession. They meet twice a year to review issues affecting the field in this state. The council members are:

- Mr. Robert T. Eppinette, Chairman, of Lowcountry Soil Consultants in Walterboro, SC.
- Mr. John H. Thorp, Vice-Chairman, of Silva-Soils Consulting in Sullivan's Island, SC.
- Mr. Charles M. Ogg, Secretary, of USDA-NRCS in Bishopville, SC.
- Mr. Bill R. Smith of Clemson University in Clemson, SC.
- Mr. M. Lance Brewington of Piedmont Soils and Wetlands in Buffalo, SC.



*Enjoy your Fall and Winter!*